



TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Newington Volunteer Fire Department

MINUTES

Board of Fire Commissioners

Special Meeting

October 9, 2008

Old Company #1

1161 Main Street

Newington, CT 06111

7:30pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm

Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ATTENDANCE

Commissioner's Ziegler & Jascowski

Chief Chris Schroeder

Assistant Chief Tom Lapierre

Lt. Joe Lapierre

Retired DFM Bob Roy

Fmr. Commissioner John Gubbins

Council Liaison Tom Bowen

Deputy Chief Vic Depamphilis-Excused-Work

Deputy Chief Tom Gill-Excused-Work

Deputy Chief Frank Papa-Excused-Previous Commitment

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

IV. Communications

Communications were read and accepted.

V. Ledger Status

Ledger Status was accepted as presented.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

The Pay-per-Call program is on track on being followed closely by Ann Harter.

Councilor Bowen and Commissioner Ziegler discussed the need for more money in the Uniforms and Clothing budget. With the recent influx of new members(20)with another 10-12 being processed, and having to outfit them, at the half year mark we are almost out of money. A motion was made and passed to ask the Council for an additional \$40,000 funding to see us through until July 1, 2009.

Captain's Fire Project is moving along slowly. Very frustrating project.

Nothing is being done with the West Hill property at this time. Owner has been advised if there is intent to sell, the Town of Newington would like to be notified.

Engine # 3 is nearing completion and a trip to Appleton, WI is planned for the middle of October for final approval. The new engine will be on its way to Newington by months end.

Rules & Regulations have been given to the Commissioners and they now will review.

Chief reviews are in the process of completion and will be ready at the next Board meeting.

The Car Policy was discussed and the issue of Car #2 retaining his vehicle has not been finalized. Chief Schroeder had asked at previous meeting that the policy not be finalized until he had an opportunity to clarify who could ride in his vehicle. Chief Mulhall and Town Manager Salomone are able to have their families ride in their vehicles and the Chief feels he should also have this option.

Commissioner Ziegler stated he will be meeting with the Town Manager and will address this along with other issues.

The resurfacing at Company #3 will be done in the spring.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fmr. Commissioner Gubbins was extremely pleased at the recruitment efforts of the department. He expressed his opinion on when the new engine arrives to get rid of any spare pieces as soon as possible.

IX. COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS

The Commissioner's were both encouraged and grateful Councilor Bowen's input and advice on solving the shortage of money for uniforms & clothing.

Commissioner Ziegler spoke on the Firefighter's Mass and how well it went and Father Dennis' assured him that as long as he's here at St. Mary's this will be an annual event.

Both Commissioners complimented the Department Picnic Committee on the great job, good turnout, and wonderful time everyone had at the Department Picnic.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm

Submitted By: Sue Reniewicz Board Secretary

